

SHOTS FIRED
OVER BORDER

Mexicans File Complaint
Against United States
Troops

CAPT. KIRBY WALKER
WILL INVESTIGATE

Constitutionalists at Matamoros Are the
Protestants

Brownsville, Texas, March 13.—General Pablo Gonzales, the constitutionalist commander at Matamoros, Mexico, to-day filed a complaint with the United States Consul Johnson, charging that shots frequently have been fired from the United States side into Mexico. Captain Kirby Walker, who is commanding the United States troops, has been instructed to investigate.

BODY REPORTED BURNED.
Explaining Villa's Reluctance to Surrender Benton's Remains.

Mexico City, March 13.—The apparent reluctance of the rebel General Villa, to deliver up the body of William S. Benton, who was killed recently at Juarez, has been explained, if messages received here are true. Mexican residents in the north have advised relatives here that, when it was believed that Americans would cross the border and get the body, it was burned by order of General Villa in the house of a colonel named Valentin Onate, adjoining Villa's headquarters.

FEDERALS EXPECT ATTACK.
Ships Stand Off Ready to Take on Any Refugees.

Vera Cruz, March 13.—A wireless despatch received yesterday from Tampico reports that the federals are busily entreaching on the outskirts of that city in anticipation of a rebel attack shortly. The United States hospital ship Solace and the cruiser Des Moines are lying in the Tampico river off the customs house at Tampico ready to embark refugees.

The German steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie, which leaves to-day for Tampico, will be detained there in order to embark Germans. All the American warships will remain at Tampico pending developments of the situation. The yacht Dolphin will proceed thither from Vera Cruz as soon as the prevailing heavy norther subsides.

ARREST MAY BE A BLIND.
Mexican Is Perhaps Held for the Benton Slaying.

El Paso, Texas, March 13.—Information that evidence thus far gathered by the Carranza commission indicates Major Rodolfo Fierro as the slayer of William S. Benton, a British subject, assumed importance with the arrival of American passengers from Chihuahua with reports, not confirmed, that Fierro had been arrested, charged with the murder of two Mexican railroad men.

That the railroad men were murdered is known, and it is said that the slaying was done in cold blood. Whether Fierro really has been arrested in connection with the case is only a report, but the information is regarded as probably correct by those who have been conversant with the fact that the Carranza commission started work with information that Benton was killed by Fierro.

It is said also that the commission has gathered convincing evidence that Col. Fidel Avila, in command of the garrison at Juarez, ordered the execution of Gustav Baugh, a German-American, who was tried as a spy, but in whose case no verdict was rendered. Rebel officers at Juarez and at Chihuahua repeatedly have denied that he was killed. In the case of Fierro, who is accused by residents of being extremely cruel, those familiar with the situation say they have looked for some charge unconnected with the Benton case to be brought against him as a cloak on which he could be held, or by his appearance or apparently accidental death. While investigators, it is said, have been convinced for the last two weeks that it was he and not General Villa who killed Benton, it is reported they did not expect he would live to face that particular charge. He was in Villa's office when Benton was killed, and is said to be a distant relative of the rebel chief.

The Mexican railroad men are said to have been killed in a resort at Chihuahua. They were members of a union and agents of the organization made the complaint to General Villa.

Baugh, it is said, was not expected until two days after Villa left Juarez. Whether Villa had left orders for the execution is not known, but it is said that evidence thus far gathered indicates that he ordered the execution of the German-American.

Developments connecting Fierro with the Benton case have been looked for since last Monday, when the announcement was made that Fierro had been succeeded as general manager of the rebel railroads for Eusebio Calzado.

It was stated at the time that Fierro would have charge of the movement of the military trains, but it is said that this did not deceive those who were conversant with the latest developments in the Benton investigation.

KILLED IN PAPER MILL.
Workman Caught in Shafting at Augusta, Me.

Augusta, Me., March 13.—James Groux, an employee of the Cushman Paper company, was killed yesterday by being caught on the shafting in the sulphite mill.

Both legs and the man's right arm were severed from his body. He was 34 years of age and leaves a widow and three children.

UNEMPLOYED ARMY
BEING BROKEN UP

Sacramento Authorities Are Getting
Anxious to Get 700 Men Off Their
Hands—Men Fashioning Clubs.

Sacramento, Cal., March 13.—The army of seven hundred unemployed men who have been encamped on the Yolo levee opposite Sacramento the last five days must break camp to-day and scatter or be forcibly escorted in small bands to various parts of the state. The men asked to be given until noon before giving final answer, but the request was interpreted as an excuse for time to organize as they were busy over night fashioning clubs. Accordingly, the authorities resolved to go forth promptly with the work of driving the army out.

NOT THEIR LINE OF WORK.
New York Unemployed Want Neither to
Shovel Snow Nor to Dig Potatoes.

New York, March 13.—Within a few hours from the time the free labor bureau of the state department of agriculture closed for the day after making plans to send jobless men to state farms, several hundred of the unemployed gathered at an open-air meeting last night and heard the efforts of Governor Glynn to give them work denounced.

"The governor tells us there is work for us to do on the farms of the state," said Joseph O'Carroll, a leader in the Industrial Workers of the World. "In reply I tell the governor to go home and ground himself. We want none of it. If there is any decent work, paying a man's wages, I and you are here to get that work and we will grasp the opportunity. Shoveling snow and planting potatoes are not in our line."

After the meeting, the men marched to the University Settlement house, where they were given sandwiches and coffee and allowed to sleep on the floors for the night. They were told they would be represented at a mass meeting of ministers to be held to-day for the purpose of securing immediate aid for the unemployed.

17 BODIES FOUND.
It Is Believed 13 More Are in St. Louis
Ruins.

St. Louis, March 13.—Seven bodies were recovered yesterday from the ruins of the Missouri Athletic club, destroyed by fire Monday morning, bringing the total number recovered to 17. Of these 11 have been identified, but one of the identifications is doubtful.

The bodies of 13 are believed to be in the ruins, making the total death toll 30. The finding of the club register yesterday, and a comparison of the names therein with lists already prepared, confirmed the club officers in the belief that the death toll would not exceed 30.

A joint committee of the municipal assembly late yesterday began an inquiry into the cause of the disaster.

One of the bodies removed yesterday was identified as that of George Goener, president of the Wellston Trust Co. of St. Louis and of the Holstein Commission Co. The body was found on a bed covered with four feet of ashes.

THINK DEATH ACCIDENTAL.
James P. Williams Probably Not Victim
of Foul Play.

Lynn, Mass., March 13.—Unless the police discover convincing evidence that the death of James P. Williams was due to some other cause than an accident, further criminal action will probably not be taken against Mark Brennan of Salem, Ellsworth Cressey and Frederick T. Devine of Lynn, who are held in connection with the case.

An autopsy performed yesterday under the direction of Medical Examiner Pinkham showed that death was due to a badly fractured skull. The injury could have been caused by a fall or by a blow.

Inspectors thoroughly searched the leather remnant shop of Brennan at 254 Broad street for blood stains, as it had been represented that Williams was suffering from a bad cut over the left eye from which blood flowed freely. Two spots, which may have been paint stains were found. Chief Inspector Thorne did not deem an analysis necessary.

Devine's refusal to tell the police Wednesday about the drinking of liquor in Brennan's shop is said to have been due to a desire to keep the shop from being mixed up with the investigation. When he was finally told that his stories did not agree with the statements made by Brennan and Cressey he declared that he had been trying to keep the shop out of it and then he related practically what had been told by the other two men.

GIRL KILLED BY TRUCK.
Driver of Vehicle Was Arrested and Put
Under \$1,000 Bonds.

Salem, Mass., March 13.—Five-year-old Esther Ellen Rogers, daughter of Ichabod B. Rogers of 3 Ash street, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when she ran out behind an automobile on Bridge street and stepped directly in front of a heavy truck.

Before Frank Maltis, who was driving the machine, could stop, the girl had been struck by the front wheel. The machine crushed her head, and she was borne to her home.

The tragedy almost unmoved Maltis. He went at once to the police station, told of the accident, and gave himself up. Although witnesses said that he was driving carefully and that the accident was unavoidable, he was held in \$1,000 on a charge of manslaughter, the bonds being furnished by his employer, George W. Pickering, a coal dealer.

TRIED SUICIDE TOO OFTEN.
Herman E. Atkins Sued for Divorce
When Wife Tried 23rd Time.

New York, March 13.—Herman E. Atkins, a Brooklyn photo engraver, yesterday began suit for separation against his wife on the ground that his nerves were shattered by her repeated attempts to commit suicide. Twenty-three times, he alleged, Mrs. Atkins vainly tried to take her life. After she had exhausted all the recognized means she devised a few of her own, which included sitting at an open window in her nightclothes in order to bring on pneumonia.

43 VESSELS
STREW SHORE

Five Steamers and 38 Sailing Craft Wrecked
in Hurricane

STORM INCREASING
IN ITS VIOLENCE

Coast of Morocco the Scene
of a Great Sea
Disaster

Melilla, Morocco, March 13.—Forty-three ships lie wrecked to-day on the shores in the vicinity of this port, having been driven on the rocks and shoals by the terrific hurricane, which started yesterday. The wrecked vessels include five steamers and thirty-eight sailing craft. The storm increased in violence to-day, and a number of large vessels put to sea to avoid being smashed against the jetties.

CAPTURED IN HAYMOW.
Youth Who Is Wanted for Assault on
Young Woman.

Worcester, Mass., March 13.—Albert Wilkins, the 15-year-old state ward charged with attempting to assault Mrs. Florence Johnson in West Boylston on Wednesday, was found last night cowering under a pile of hay in the loft of Harvey Keyes, to whom he had been bound out by the state authorities. Farm hands of Mr. Keyes discovered the boy and turned him over to Sheriff Baldwin, who brought Wilkins to Worcester.

Wilkins ran along the state road toward Oakdale after attacking Mrs. Johnson, who is his employer's daughter. He said after his capture that he slept in a barn at Oakdale Wednesday night, about 10 miles from the Keyes place. Yesterday morning, hungry and desperate, he circled around and made for the Keyes place again. Although poses of men were looking for him, Wilkins evaded all of them and succeeded in crawling into the Keyes barn unobserved.

When the men went into the hayloft to feed the stock one of them felt something squirming under his feet, and calling the others, they removed the hay and pulled out Wilkins.

PAGE MAKES EXPLANATIONS.
Ambassador Thinks Senators Are Misled
By Summary of His Speech.

London, March 13.—Ambassador Walter H. Page to-day received from Secretary of State Bryan the notification of a resolution of the United States Senate in regard to the speech on the Panama canal and Monroe doctrine, delivered before the Association of the Chambers of Commerce yesterday.

The secretary of state requested the ambassador to cable an explanation, and Mr. Page immediately began the preparation of a reply.

After reading fuller accounts of the proceedings in the Senate, Ambassador Page came to the conclusion that the senators had been misled by excessive condensation of his remarks. He declared to-day that he distinctly said that the United States would object to or prohibit any European power from taking more territory in the new world. Ambassador Page added that when referring to the Panama canal he had said that Great Britain would profit most from the canal because it owned the great bulk of the world's shipping.

GIVEN LONGER TERM.
Crackman Now Gets From Six to Nine
Years.

Boston, March 13.—August Kaufman, the confessed safelower, was sentenced by Judge Chase in the superior criminal court yesterday to state prison for a term of six to nine years. A few weeks ago he was sentenced to four to seven years, but the sentence was revoked and he was remanded pending an investigation.

As a result of communication with the police in leading cities, the information was received that the prisoner's photograph was in the rogue's gallery in Chicago, where he served a sentence of a year for safebreaking.

Kaufman pleaded guilty to blowing the safe at Rhodes Bros. store in Tremont street, South End. After his first sentence he was told Sergeants Irwin and Anderson that he had blown other safes in the South End. This was called to the attention of the court and the sentence was revoked, although Kaufman denied having made the statement.

George Williams was sentenced to state prison for four to six years for breaking and entering three houses in Chelsea.

A VEILED THREAT GIVEN
If Negotiations Are Not Closed in Railroad Divorce Matter.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—The officials of the department of justice and the New Haven railroad resumed their conferences to-day in an effort to find a plan acceptable to both sides for a dissolution of the system. Although Attorney-General McKennedy and his assistants are still hopeful that the New Haven representatives can see their way clear to meet the demands of the department, it was conceded that the negotiations had reached a critical stage and that a further delay on the part of the road might lead to the filing of an anti-trust suit for a dissolution by the court's decree.

Weather Forecast.
Fair to-night and Saturday; warmer to-night; light west winds.

RAISED FOR BARRE CITY
HOSPITAL

Tuesday, March 10.....	\$25,900.00
Wednesday, March 11.....	31,446.20
Thursday, March 12.....	34,245.42
Friday, March 13.....	
Saturday, March 14.....	
Monday, March 15.....	
Tuesday, March 16.....	
Wednesday, March 17.....	
Thursday, March 18.....	
Friday, March 19.....	
Saturday, March 20.....	

WANT STATE ENGINEER.
Vermont Civil Engineers in Convention
at Burlington Favor Plan.

Burlington, March 13.—The second annual meeting of the Vermont Society of Engineers was held at the Hotel Vermont yesterday, with a large attendance. The sessions were all held in the roof garden.

At the business meeting, the following officers were elected: D. Williams of St. Johnsbury, president; H. H. McIntosh of Burlington, vice president for two years; G. A. Reed of Barre, secretary; A. E. Winslow of Northfield, treasurer; C. F. Purinton of Burlington, director for three years.

The secretary's report showed a membership of 91, of which 66 are active members, seven junior members and 18 associate members.

The committee on public policy reported a recommendation that it was the sentiment of the society that one member of the state public service commission be a civil engineer. The idea of the state having an official known as a state engineer was discussed and favorably received. The value of the smaller towns employing engineers as a measure of economy was also discussed.

There was a paper in the afternoon by State Forester Austin F. Hawes on the "Influence of Forests on Water Storage and Stream Flow," and "The Rainfall in Vermont" was treated by John K. Hooper, local forester of the weather bureau. Prof. J. W. Votey spoke of "Stream Flow and Storage in Vermont."

The annual banquet was held in the evening when the address of the retiring president, Prof. C. S. Carlton, was given and a paper on "Geology of the Green Mountains" by Prof. George H. Perkins, state geologist, was read.

Prof. Edward Robinson of the University of Vermont, reporting for the committee on power development and electrical and mechanical science, said he believed in the starting of a number of small industries that utilize power instead of one large one. He spoke of energy-conserving devices in use in Europe in turning out goods on which we now pay duties, and which he used to advantage right here in Vermont.

The speakers at the banquet were Prof. C. S. Carlton of Norwich, the retiring president, who gave the annual presidential address, and Prof. George H. Perkins, state geologist, who took up the subject of "The Geology of the Green Mountains," as it applied to engineering problems.

CHARGED WITH HORSE STEALING.
Fred Lovell and Mrs. Ida Hull of
Lebanon, N. H., Held for Trial.

Bellows Falls, March 13.—Fred Lovell and Mrs. Ida Hull, the Lebanon, N. H., couple, who were arrested in Granville, N. Y., Wednesday afternoon and brought back to Charlestown, N. H., yesterday morning, were given a preliminary hearing before Justice Frank Hamlin in the afternoon, charged with stealing a pair of horses valued at \$735 from Liverman W. H. Kimball, County Attorney of the state and the main witness was held in \$1,000 each for the May term of the Sullivan county court. They could not furnish bail, and were taken to New-pert jail. Mrs. Hull's four children will be placed in a state institution. The oldest is 13 and the youngest six.

BUSINESS TO CONTINUE.
There Will Be No Change in Policy or
Operation.

New York, March 13.—George Westinghouse, the famous engineer and inventor who died yesterday of heart disease, provided in his will for the continuation of his large business interests under a trusteeship. It was officially stated to-day that his death will not cause any change in policy or operation in connection with any of the Westinghouse industries.

BODY FROZEN IN ICE.
John C. Mahoney Disappeared Last
December.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 13.—The body of John C. Mahoney, 72 years old, a wealthy farmer who disappeared here last December after checking his baggage to Birmingham, was found frozen in the ice in the harbor last night. Investigation by the police has failed to show any sign of foul play.

CLOCK MOVES
TO \$34,245.42

Thursday's Subscriptions to
Hospital Fund Were
\$2,799.22

DESAUTELS' TEAM
THE "EXCELSIOR"

Mrs. James Scott's Team
Took the "Topnotchers"
Banner

Previously reported\$31,446.20

THURSDAY'S SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM BARRE CITY:

Men's Teams	\$1,924.18
Women's Teams	875.04
Total	2,799.22

Total\$34,245.42

The men's teams reported the following results of the second day's efforts:

Team 1—B. Albisetti, Captain.....	\$435.00
Team 2—Peter Desautels, Captain.....	681.00
Team 3—C. E. Gladding, Captain.....	412.25
Team 4—Thomas Mercer, Captain.....	1.08
Team 5—D. A. Perry, Captain.....	74.00
Team 6—Stefano Rizzoli, Captain.....	215.00
Team 7—F. E. Robinson, Captain.....	105.85
Total	\$1,924.18

The women's teams reported the following results of the second day's efforts:

Team 20—Mrs. A. W. Allen, Captain.....	\$81.50
Team 21—Mrs. H. R. Bradley, Captain.....	71.00
Team 22—Mrs. B. W. Hooker, Captain.....	85.25
Team 23—Mrs. Grant A. Lane, Captain.....	109.50
Team 24—Mrs. N. J. Morrison, Captain.....	109.25
Team 25—Mrs. E. J. Owens, Captain.....	111.50
Team 26—Mrs. James Scott, Captain.....	307.04
Total	\$875.04

When the final returns of yesterday's work in the city field of the Barre City hospital campaign were filed at headquarters in the Universalist church vestry last night, it was announced that the total had jumped from the \$31,446.20 reported the day previous to \$34,245.42. The increase is regarded in all quarters as an indication that the growth of the campaign fund is to be sure and steady. Encouraging reports from the outlying towns added fire to the enthusiasm of last night's get-together in the vestry. Nearly all of the Barre workers and a few campaigners from outside towns were present for support; if anything, the teams exhibited more of the true campaign spirit than at any time before.

The warm reception which the workers are receiving from the large givers, as well as the humblest contributor, has acted as a stimulus to the movement, and the saying goes now that nothing can stop the momentum of the big campaign in the next few days. The workers have found themselves and each feels that he is a factor in the daily endeavor to move forward the hands on the big illuminated clocks that are telling of progress in the campaign all up and down the line.

Several changes in the standing of the teams were announced last night. The "Topnotchers" banner, won by Team 24, captained by Mrs. N. J. Morrison, on the opening day of the campaign, was awarded to Team No. 26, captained by Mrs. James Scott. Mrs. Scott's followers collected the largest sum yesterday among the women's teams. To Team No. 23, led by Mrs. Grant A. Lane, was assigned the honor of carrying the "We Are It" banner, which went to Mrs. Morrison's team on Wednesday. "We Are It" means that Mrs. Lane's team obtained the largest number of subscriptions for the day.

"Excelsior" banner honors, held the first day by Team No. 5, led by Dan A. Perry, went to Team No. 2, Captain Peter Desautels, yesterday, for soliciting the largest amount. From Thomas J. (Continued on fourth page.)

BROWN-McCARTHY.
Wedding at St. Johnsbury a Surprise-to
Barre Friends.

Announcement was made in this city to-day of the wedding of Miss Katherine McCarthy, daughter of Mrs. Margaret McCarthy of 85 Brook street, to George A. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of 15 Bassett street, which took place in St. Johnsbury Wednesday evening. News of the wedding came as a surprise to friends of the young couple. Until recently the bride was employed as one of the stenographers in the headquarters of the Barre City hospital campaign in Manufacturers' hall. Prior to that she was engaged as a compositor in Springfield, Essex Junction and Montpelier. Mr. Brown is one of Barre's best known young men. For some years he was on the clerical staff at the Barre offices of E. L. Smith & Co. Afterwards he went to New York and then to Springfield, where he was employed several months as a bookkeeper in the office of Jones & Lamson, manufacturers of turret lathes. Sometime ago he went to St. Johnsbury and took a position in the Merchant's National bank, where he is now employed.

Apparently Mr. and Mrs. Brown were able to conceal their intentions from their friends until the hour for their wedding arrived. The ceremony was a quiet affair and neither was attended. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are making their home at 32 Pearl street, St. Johnsbury.

MARRIED FOR 50 YEARS.
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Eaton of Morrisville
to Have Reception.

Morrisville, March 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Melville B. Eaton were married fifty years ago to-day and in honor of the event a reception will be held at the grange hall this evening. Invitations have been sent to many people in this and surrounding towns.

Mr. Eaton, seven years direct descent from Francis Eaton, who came to this country in the Mayflower in 1620, was born in Enosburg June 11, 1842, one of 10 children. Lucy R. Wilson, daughter of Henry and Catherine Wilson, was born at Warren July 7, 1844. They came to Morrisville 48 years ago last June. Mr. Eaton is senior member of the firm of M. B. Eaton & Son, plumbing, heating, roofing and lighting contractors. There were 12 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, of whom there are 10 living, five boys and five girls, all of whom are married. There are 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their children are: Mrs. C. S. Merrill of Waltham, Mass.; Mrs. H. E. Whitcomb of Somerville, Mass.; Mrs. A. Mudgett of Hyde Park, Mass.; Mrs. W. Hubbard of Wadsworth, N. Y.; Mrs. C. E. Brigham of Morrisville; C. M. Eaton of Florin, Cal.; L. S. Eaton of Watertown, Mass.; J. H. Eaton of Hyde Park, and B. E. and R. W. Eaton of Morrisville.

RAILROADS BIND THEMSELVES
To Give Burlington a New Union Passenger Station.

Burlington, March 13.—A conference was held yesterday at the city clerk's office among the attorneys of the Central Vermont and Rutland railroads and representatives of the committees who have been interested in the project for Burlington's new union station, which will be built this year unless something unforeseen arises. The railroads were represented by Edwin W. Lawrence of the Rutland and C. W. Witters of the Central Vermont. A stipulation to the supreme court in blank was submitted for signatures, and was the principal item of business considered.

The supreme court has at the present time an appeal from the original order of the public service commission which provides for the building of an elaborate system of elevated tracks, the switching of the Rutland railroad yard south of the erection of a station building and the elimination of all grade crossings by underpass. All parties are agreed now on building a station to cost \$85,000, relocation of streets, etc., the facts of which have already been published. The stipulation above referred to asks that the supreme court modify the order of the public service commission now in its possession, according to the terms of the agreement of interested parties.

TEACHER STRANGELY MISSING.
J. W. Hartley Went Away From Green-
land, N. H., Several Days Ago.

Portsmouth, N. H., March 13.—J. W. Hartley, teacher of the grammar school at Greenland, was reported to the local police last night as missing. On Tuesday, town meeting day, there was no session of the school and Mr. Hartley told some friends that he was going to Portsmouth to visit the schools. He left for here on the early morning car.

As far as can be learned he visited no schools and has not been seen since Tuesday. Yesterday Superintendent Tuttle of the Greenland schools telephoned to Mr. Hartley's former home in Lawrence, but the missing man had not turned up there and accordingly the matter was reported to the local police.

Hartley is about 40 years old, five feet, eight inches in height, weighs 160 pounds and wore a gray suit.

Prior to going to Greenland he was superintendent of schools in Porto Rico, but was forced to resign because of ill health.

STATES AND THEIR UNIVERSITIES
Considered by Pres. Aley of University
of Maine at Burlington.

Burlington, March 13.—President Robert J. Aley of the University of Maine gave an address upon "Education and the State" at the opening of the ninth conference of the schools with the University of Vermont in the Science hall last night. He showed how the state is the most fit and effective agency for the conducting of higher education and prophesied that the state universities would reach a higher development than anyone now dreamed of.

DARTMOUTH BEAT BROWN
In Annual Debate Held at Hanover Last
Evening.

Hanover, N. H., March 13.—The section of the annual Dartmouth-Brown-Brown triangular debate held here last night resulted in the defeat of Brown by Dartmouth. The home college had the affirmative on the question, "Resolved, That the federal government should require compulsory arbitration of labor disputes on interstate railroads."

MISSIONARIES
WERE SAVED

Says O. Dispatch Re-
at the British
Foreign Office

WERE FEARED LOST
IN CHINA UPRISING

The Misses Black Arrived
Down the River in
China

London, March 13.—The safety of the two Misses Black of the British-Chinese inland mission, who were reported missing after the burning and looting by brigands of the town of Lao Ho-Kow, was established in an official dispatch from Peking to the foreign office to-day. The women arrived to-day at Fan-Chong, farther down the river Han Kiang.

DECLINE TO SERVE.
Three License Commissioners in Wash-
ington County Step Out.

In addition to H. J. Volholm, whose resignation as license commissioner in Montpelier was announced immediately after his appointment on Thursday, Calvin L. Parmenter, also of the Montpelier board, stated that he declined to serve, although to-day many people have urged Mr. Parmenter to reconsider his determination. Mr. Volholm stated positively that he would not serve because of business reasons. W. E. Poole, the third member of the Montpelier board, will serve, it is understood.

Justin Moody of Waterbury, who was appointed a license commissioner in his town, sent his letter of declination to the assistant judges to-day.

MOTORING ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN.
New Winter Sport Added to Vermont
Attractions.

Burlington, March 13.—To cross the lake by automobile is the newest way to get from shore to shore. Halsey Pickle, J. W. Mock, F. W. Kennell, John Rhone and Walter Morrow enjoyed an automobile trip on Lake Champlain yesterday, crossing from Port Kent. This is the first time, so far as known, that any person has crossed by automobile. The trip took an hour and a half and the men said the going was good, on the whole. They encountered three cracks, only one of which they said was a bad one. Once the rear wheels of their car, the H. Overland, went through, but were extricated with little difficulty. The party left on the return trip shortly after five o'clock.

TALK OF THE TOWN
Grover Kenelick of Prospect street re-
turned to-day from Woodsville, N. H.,
where he has been visiting for the past
few days.

Mrs. Sylvie Smith has gone to Morrisville, where she was called by the death of her mother, Mrs. Charles Noe, who passed away Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of 15 weeks. Death was the outcome of a cancerous growth. Mrs. Noe was 56 years old and is survived by five children. Funeral arrangements were held in abeyance pending the arrival of a son who lives in California. Mrs. Noe has been a frequent visitor in Barre.

Among those who registered at the Buzzell hotel yesterday were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Russell, Pavilion theatre; R. LaBonte, Springfield, Mass.; George H. Collier, Boston; C. A. Chapman, Ferrisburg; J. R. Chapman, Ferrisburg; Irene Reano and Rene Merlo, New York City; C. Lane, South Yreka; George C. Cassidy, Randolph; E. H. Kennedy, Chelsea; Fred P. Kinney, Boston; M. D. Emerson, Boston; E. G. Russell, Springfield; Melbaek and Price, Boston.

One of the most enjoyable dancing parties of the season was held in the Masonic barracks in the Blanchard block last night, the occasion being the third of a series of "hops" which St. Aldemar commandery, K. T., is giving during the winter and early spring months. There were 25 couples present and the varied program of dance music furnished by the St. Aldemar orchestra added much to the pleasure of the affair. Old-fashioned figures that pleased the older dancers in the party and newer steps for the younger ones were played from 9 o'clock until midnight. At intermission a dainty luncheon was served by Miss Merle Gow and Mrs. Katherine Martin. The party was given under the auspices of the commandery entertainment committee. The next dance in the series will be announced in the near future.

Arrangements have been completed by the parishioners of St. Monica's church for the annual St. Patrick's day celebration, which will be held on Tuesday evening, March 17. The celebration will be held in the Woodmen hall in the Bolster building. Supper will be served at an early hour. Plans have been laid for an elaborate program of entertainment to follow the supper. Monsignor Mario Basini and Prof. Petro Landi of New York, musicians of note in musical circles of New York, have been engaged to furnish a program of music. Prof. Landi is a violinist of exceptional ability and it was only after much endeavor that his services were secured for the evening. Monsignor Basini will accompany Prof. Landi at the piano. Rev. Fr. Francis A. Welsh, Ph. D., one of the most prominent of the younger clergy of the Catholic church in the Vermont diocese, will deliver an address. He will speak upon some subject pertaining to St. Patrick's day. Other plans for the observance will be announced later.

